

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 07 JANUARY 2000

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. CEFMS MOVES TO THE 21ST CENTURY. On Saturday, 1 January 2000, a group of nine (9) employees reported to the UFC at 0800 hours to attempt to process the accounting/disbursing transactions previously identified to ensure that CEFMS disbursing processes were operational. The CEFMS Development Team was on "stand by" in Huntsville, Alabama, postured to react to potential problems. By 1200 Central Standard Time, 1 January 2000, we had:

(1) Processed Government Order Billings, recorded and certified or certified previously recorded, on the following databases:

CPC25	S0CEFMP1 - HQUSACE
CPC25	K5CEFMP1 - Mobile District
CPC26	U4CEFMP1 - Waterways Experiment Station
CPC26	B2CEFMP1 - New Orleans District
WPC26	H2CEFMP1 - Louisville District
WPC26	L2CEFMP1 - Sacramento District
WPC29	E1CEFMP1 - Baltimore District
WPC29	G2CEFMP1 - Portland District

(2) Processed a total of thirty-four (34) travel settlements, thirteen (13) checks and twenty-one (21) EFT payments. We uploaded the initial travel vouchers from CEFMS to the Integrated Automated Travel System (IATS), computed the settlement, downloaded the completed voucher to CEFMS, and certified for payment. We processed travel settlements on each of the eight (8) CEFMS databases shown in sub-paragraph (1) above.

(3) Generated actual disbursements in CEFMS on January 1, 2000. The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) file was created, supporting EFT registers were generated and printed. Treasury checks were generated and printed; supporting registers were generated, printed, and reconciled. All accounts were in balance. We completed twenty-three (23) EFT payments totaling \$8,438.97 and cut twenty-three (23) treasury checks totaling \$298,980.06.

b. Other CEFMS Issues: As a part of continuing preparation

for the conversion to GUI we converted 3 standalone CEFMS forms to GUI for testing. This test will give us a good idea how CEFMS and the forms will look, feel and operate. The problem reporting system is a good prototype but does not have the complexity of CEFMS forms.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 807 versus 768 on the last report. The inventory includes 84 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 2 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Forty-seven (47) of the sixty-two active databases have no imbalances, three (3) have one, four (4) have two, an additional seven (7) sites have nine or less, and only one site have ten or more. That site has eleven (11). The grand total of database imbalances across the system is 51 versus 65 on the last report.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE----

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	26
Millington	286
Washington	1
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	2
Total	316

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 12/31/99	Current Month	Year To Date
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	82,369	2,571	84,940
Percent of Total	53%	50%	53%
Dollar Amount	\$981,583,812	\$22,987,000	\$1,004,570,812
BY EFT:			
Transfers Made	74,260	2,548	76,808

Percent of Total	47%	50%	47%
Dollar Amount	\$1,405,506,580	\$24,117,143	\$1,429,623,723

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. We are providing additional budgetary data to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), based on requests from DFAS-HQ. Initially we were asked for a breakdown of FY00 revenues (sources of funding) distinguishing between the amounts that would remain the responsibility of USACE versus those which would become the responsibility of DFAS, following capitalization. On 5 January 2000 DFAS-HQ also requested detailed explanations for many of the indirect, support-type costs which were included in FY00 operating budget information previously submitted to DFAS. This same request indicated that DFAS would also be sending more questions regarding our FY00 revenues. DFAS also recently provided examples of configuration management board charters that they have used in past capitalization efforts in regards to automated information systems. DFAS seems to be stating that something similar would be required for CEFMS and CEEMIS upon capitalization of the UFC.

b. The UFC will be implementing FEDTAX II in January 2000 which is the IRS system that facilitates the electronic payment of Federal taxes by Federal Agencies and the electronically signed and transmission of the 941 Quarterly Federal Tax return. The UFC currently withholds and disburses to the IRS approximately \$2-3 Million per month of taxes due on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) vouchers and home sales and purchases under the Homeowners assistance Program (97X4090).

c. The Accounting Analysis and Reconciliation Division (CEFC-AR) is currently reviewing version 2 of the CFO financial Statements for the final submission on 24 January 2000. We are also awaiting any recommended/identified adjustments by DODIG auditors. We don't anticipate any significant changes from our version 2 submitted on 10 December 1999.

d. Beginning with the 1st quarter of Fiscal Year 2000 (Oct-Dec 99), the UFC will recognize a "Team Player of the Quarter". This recognition will be similar to the competition for Team Player of the Month during the past fiscal year (1999). The nomination and evaluation procedures and process will be the same as it was for the monthly award. Supervisors and team leaders can nominate employees for the award using the established nomination form and criteria. The Incentive Awards Committee will evaluate the nominations, determine the winner, and secure the appropriate recognition items for presentation. The presentation of the award will be made at an appropriate

ceremony. We will recognize the Team Player of the Quarter with a commendation letter from the Director, USACE Finance Center; a reserved parking space for three months; a time-off award of 8 hours; and a wooden plaque with an appropriate inscription.